

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

A cabinet opening structure for an apparatus having a sheet transporting member comprising:

a cabinet having an openable portion which can be opened in a first direction from an apparatus body in the apparatus provided with a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member; and

an operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, which can be manually operated, and is operated when for operating the sheet transporting member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

the said operating member being disposed at a position, at which the said operating member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the opening first direction when the said openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended)

A cabinet opening structure according to claim 1, wherein the openable portion of the cabinet is disposed on a side of the cabinet generally perpendicular to the front fore surface of the cabinet apparatus body, at which an the apparatus further comprising an operating unit for operating the apparatus body is provided, and further, positioned adjacent the front of the

cabinet, wherein the operating member is exposed onto to the side front of the operating unit of the apparatus body, at which the apparatus operating unit is provided.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended)

A cabinet opening structure according to claim 2, wherein the openable portion of the cabinet includes a part of the cabinet on the same side of the apparatus as the operating unit.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended)

An apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit, comprising:

a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;

a cabinet having an openable portion which can be opened in a first direction from an the body of the apparatus body; and

an operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, which can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

the operating member being disposed at a position, at which the operating member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the first opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body, in the proximity of an end of a frame member in the apparatus body said operating member being located generally along

a transportation path direction of the a sheet member in the apparatus.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended)

An apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit according to claim 4, wherein further comprising an apparatus operating unit for operating the apparatus ~~body~~ is disposed on a the same side of the apparatus on which the operating member is exposed.

Claim 6. (Original)

An apparatus provided with a sheet member according to claim 4, wherein the transporting unit is connected to the operating member via a plurality of transmitting members.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended)

An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;  
an image forming unit for forming an image on the sheet member based on image information;  
a fixing device for fixing the image formed on the sheet member in the image forming unit;

a cabinet for the apparatus having an openable portion which  
is openable in a first direction can be opened from an apparatus  
body;

a first operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, which can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body; and

a second operating member, which is connected to the fixing device, which can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

the first and second operating members being disposed at positions, at which the operating members are exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the first opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body, in the proximity of an end of a frame member in the apparatus body along a transportation direction of the sheet member.

Claim 8. (Original)

An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the transporting unit includes a registration roller pair for controlling a timing when the sheet member is transported with respect to the image forming unit;

the fixing device includes a fixing roller for holding the sheet member with the application of heat under pressure so as to fix the image formed on the sheet member; and

the first operating member is connected to the registration roller pair in the transporting unit while the second operating member is connected to the fixing roller in the fixing device.

Claim 9. (New)

The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the operating member is located in proximity to an end frame member of the apparatus.

Claim 10. (New)

The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are located in proximity to an end frame member of the apparatus.